Cinderella

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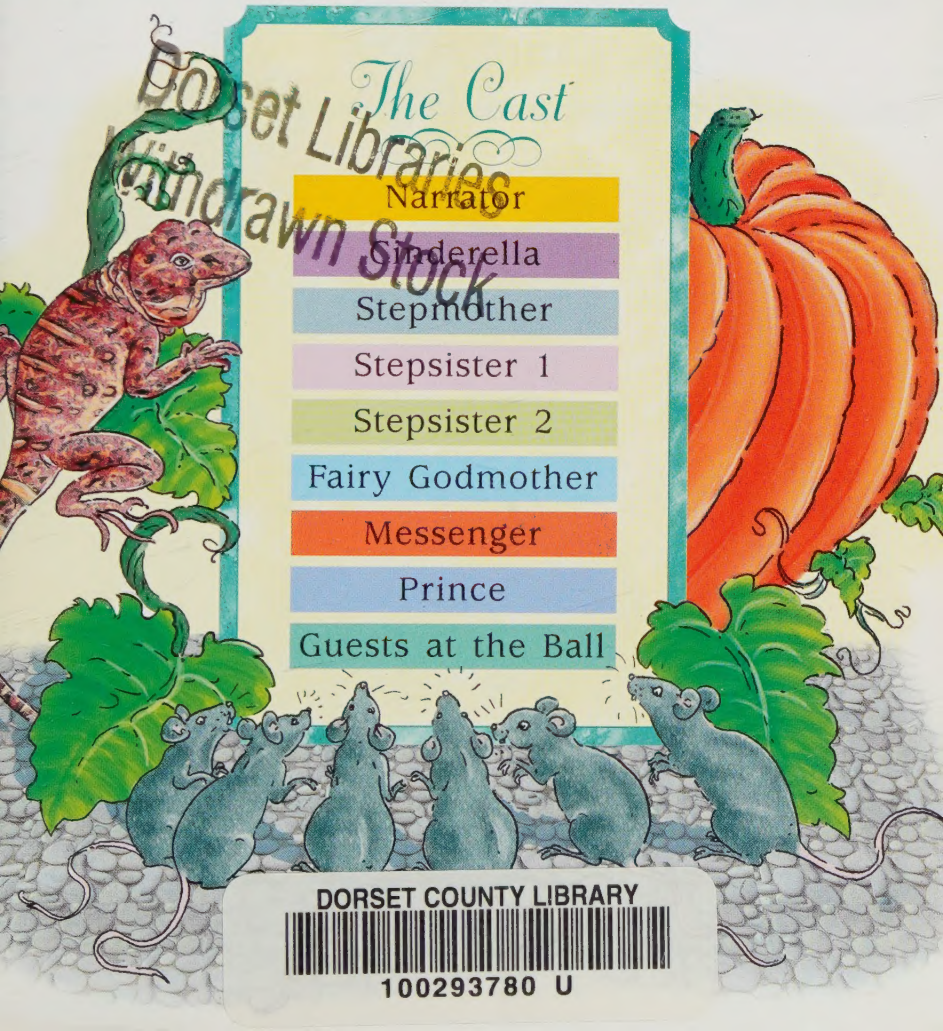

The Cast

- Narrator
- Cinderella
- Stepmother
- Stepsister 1
- Stepsister 2
- Fairy Godmother
- Messenger
- Prince
- Guests at the Ball

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Narrator Long ago, a girl named Cinderella lived with her stepmother and stepsisters. They were very lazy, and treated Cinderella unkindly.

Stepmother Haven't you made our beds yet, Cinderella?

Cinderella They are almost ready.

Stepsister 1 Good! We need to have our morning nap.

Stepsister 2 And make sure lunch is ready when we wake up!

Narrator One day, a messenger came to the door.

Messenger There is to be a ball at the palace. Everyone is invited.

Stepsisters How exciting!

Stepmother We must all get new gowns...

Stepsister 1 *and* new slippers!

Cinderella May *I* go to the ball?

Stepsister 1 What would you *wear*?

Stepsister 2 And just look at your *hair*!

Stepmother No! You may *not* go to the ball!

Narrator On the night of the ball, Cinderella helped her stepsisters and stepmother to get ready. When at last they left, she sat and sobbed.

Cinderella I wish *I* could go to the ball.

Narrator Just then, a kind-looking woman appeared.

Fairy G. Don't cry, Cinderella. I'm your fairy godmother, and I'll make your wish come true.

Cinderella Oh, thank you! But *how*?

Fairy G. First, you must find me a big pumpkin, six mice, and a lizard.

Narrator Cinderella did as she was asked.
Then, to her amazement,
her fairy godmother
changed the pumpkin
into a golden coach.

Cinderella How wonderful!

Fairy G. I haven't finished yet!

Narrator At that very moment,
the six mice turned into
six prancing horses,
and the lizard became
a handsome coachman.

Fairy G. Now it's *your* turn, Cinderella.

Narrator In an instant, Cinderella was dressed in a beautiful ballgown and dainty glass slippers.

Cinderella Oh, I feel like a princess!

Fairy G. Off you go, Cinderella. But remember to be home by 12 o'clock, for that's when my magic will end.

Narrator At the ball, everyone gazed at Cinderella in wonder.

Guests Just look at her slippers!
Just look at her gown!
She must be a princess
from some other town!

Prince Will you dance with me, please?

Cinderella With pleasure, Your Highness.

Narrator All evening, the prince and Cinderella danced together.

Guests Just look at them dance!
When will *we* get a chance?

Narrator Then the clock began to strike twelve. Cinderella suddenly remembered what her fairy godmother had told her.

Cinderella I must go!

Prince Stop! Why are you running away? And look, one of your slippers has fallen off.

Narrator But Cinderella would not stop. When she reached home, all that she had left of the magic was one glass slipper.

Cinderella I shall keep it forever!

Narrator

The prince had kept the other slipper. He gave it to his messenger, and sent him to search the kingdom for the girl who had lost it.

Messenger Did anyone from this house go to the ball?

Stepsisters Yes, yes! We were there!

Messenger The prince has sent me to find the girl who wore this slipper to the ball.

Stepsister 1 Give it to me!

Stepsister 2 No! Let *me* try it first!

Narrator But no matter how the stepsisters pushed and pulled, they could not make the slipper fit them.

Cinderella
Please, may *I* try?
Stepmother
Don't be ridiculous.
You didn't even go to the ball!
Messenger
Let her try. It can do no harm.

Narrator Of course, the slipper was a perfect fit.

Cinderella I have the other slipper, too.

Stepsister 1 What?

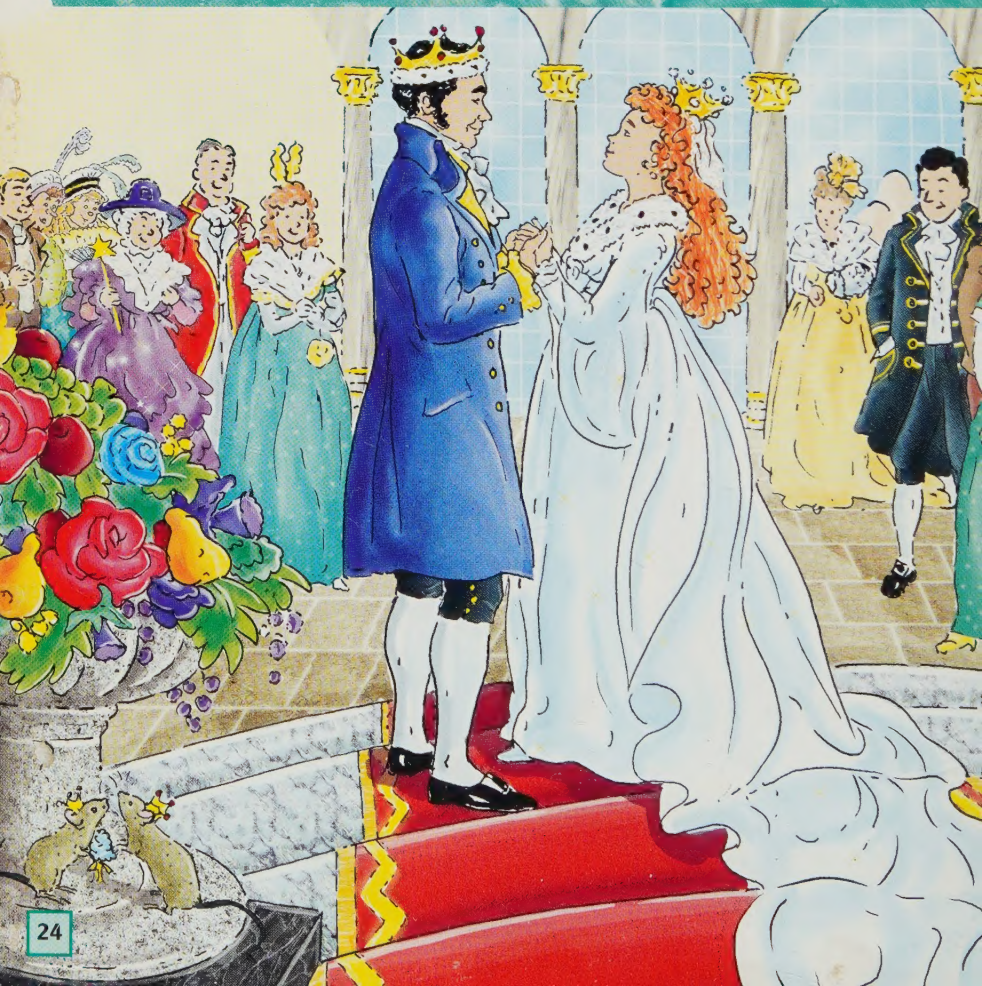
Stepsister 2 You?

Stepmother I don't believe it!

Narrator As soon as Cinderella put on the second slipper, her ragged dress turned back into the beautiful gown.

Messenger Please come to the palace with me at once. The prince will be delighted that I have found you.

Narrator Soon Cinderella and the prince were married. Everyone was invited to the wedding, and, of course, Princess Cinderella and the prince lived happily ever after.



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